

Source: Measuring Up 2006: The State Report Card on Higher Education

Highlights

- After two years of increases, Kentucky's performance remained at 38% from 2004 to 2006. The top-performing states in 2006 averaged 53% on this indicator.
- Kentucky's performance increased 12% since 2000, in contrast to a nationwide decline of 2%.
- The chance of a Kentucky ninth-grader enrolling in college by age 19 is still only fair, primarily because the proportion of students who graduate from high school within four years is small.
- Although a smaller percentage of high school students graduate in four years in Kentucky, more of those who do graduate enroll in college.

About this measure

This indicator, developed by *Measuring Up*, reports the probability of ninth-grade students finishing high school within four years and continuing on to college by age 19. This indicator focuses attention on the seamlessness of Kentucky's educational system by combining the high school graduation rate and the college-going rate into one percentage for traditional college students. Like other indicators from *Measuring Up*, data will be updated next in 2008.